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We would appreciate clarification on this matter and assurance that multiple samples will not need to be drawn and sent to multiple laboratories. Not only would this be a costly duplication of effort, there could well be issues related to the hold times between sampling and testing that could not be overcome depending on the location of additional laboratories.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this draft rule. We will work with you and your staff to assure that ICCL members provide appropriate information regarding the laboratories that are currently used for these testing programs. We will do our share to ensure implementation of this program will be orderly and efficient for those ICCL member line ships desiring to utilize their AWP systems within Maine waters.

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